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The committee considered the question of the assignment of unit values to the new definition of the admission requirement in English and voted that, as a tentative arrangement, equal values be given to (1) the grammar and composition, and (2) the reading.

Among the questions assigned to a sub-committee for consideration and report at the next meeting are the following: the literal interpretation of the definition of the unit; the greater unit value of the work of the latter years of the secondary school curriculum as compared with the work of the earlier years; the effect on the unit value of work in any subject when it is accompanied or preceded by work in allied subjects; the assignment of unit values to the definitions of the admission requirements in the subjects, algebra, English and history; and the accrediting of candidates for admission to college from secondary schools which give instruction in only one foreign language.

Officers were elected for the year as follows: *President*, Headmaster Wilson Farrand, Newark Academy; *Vice-president*, President A. Ross Hill, University of Missouri; *Secretary-treasurer*, Dean Frederick C. Ferry, Williams College.

The sub-committee which had served for the past two years was continued for investigation and report at the next meeting. This committee includes Headmaster Wilson Farrand, Dean Frederick C. Ferry, President Henry S. Pritchett and Principal Frederick L. Bliss.

The next conference was appointed for February, 1914, or for such earlier time as the sub-committee might select.

FREDERICK C. FERRY,  
*Secretary*

#### THE DANA CENTENARY

IN commemoration of the great geologic work of James Dwight Dana, Yale University proposes to hold a centenary celebration next November, to consist of a series of lectures culminating in a Dana Memorial volume on "Problems of American Geology." The lectures will be given on the Silliman Founda-

tion, the dates to be announced after the opening of the next collegiate year. The lecturers and their respective subjects are as follows:

#### PROBLEMS OF AMERICAN GEOLOGY

##### Introduction

"The Geology of James Dwight Dana," Professor William North Rice, Wesleyan University.

##### I. *Problems of the Canadian Shield*

"The Archeozoic and its Problems," Professor Frank Dawson Adams, McGill University.

"The Proterozoic and its Problems," Professor Arthur Philemon Coleman, University of Toronto.

##### II. *Problems of the Cordilleras*

"The Cambrian and its Problems," Dr. Charles Doolittle Walcott, Smithsonian Institution.

"The Igneous Geology and its Problems," Professor Waldemar Lindgren, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"The Tertiary Structural Evolution and its Problems," Dr. Frederick Leslie Ransome, United States Geological Survey.

"The Tertiary Sedimentary Record and its Problems," Dr. William Diller Matthew, American Museum of Natural History.

#### SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY has conferred the degree of doctor of science on Dr. Simon Flexner, scientific director of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research and on Dr. David L. Edsall, Jackson professor of clinical medicine in the Harvard Medical School. The degree of master of arts has been conferred on Mr. William Barnum, editor of the publications of the Carnegie Institution.

THE Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, has conferred the degree of LL.D. on Dr. Abraham Jacobi, emeritus professor of diseases of children, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, and on Dr. Francis P. Venable, president of the University of North Carolina.

DR. E. A. SCHÄFER, professor of physiology in the University of Edinburgh, has received the honor of knighthood. The same honor has been conferred upon Professor J. H. Biles, professor of naval architecture in the University of Glasgow.